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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 16, 2018

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: Importation of Plants for Planting; Establishing a Category for Plants for Planting Not Authorized for Importation Pending Pest Risk Analysis

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0380

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 ~~–et seq.~~), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests and noxious weeds within the United States. The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulations establish categories of regulated articles governing the importation of nursery stock, also known as plants for planting. This category lists taxa for plants for planting whose importation is not authorized pending pest risk analysis. Requests to remove a taxa from the category of plants for planting whose impact is not authorized pending the completion of a pest risk analysis must be made in accordance with § 319.5.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: APHIS will collect the following information as part of the request before a Pest Risk Assessment can be prepared: (1) a description and/or map of the specific locations(s) of the areas in the exporting country where the plant, plant parts, or plant products are produced; (2) Scientific name (including genus, species, and author names) and taxonomic classification of arthropods, fungi, bacteria, nematodes, viruses, viroids, mollusks, phytoplasmas, spiroplasmas, etc., attacking the crop; and (3) Plant part attacked by each pest, pest life stages associated with plant part attacked, and location of pest (in, on, or with commodity).

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profits; Federal Government

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 16

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 50

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